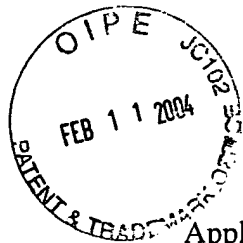


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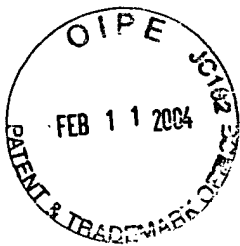
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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

This responds to the Requirement for Restriction mailed January 13, 2004.

In the Requirement for Restriction, the Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121.

- I. Claims 8-20, directed to apparatus and method of operating an electronic meter, classified in class 324, subclass 142;
- II. Claims 1-7, directed to a method of calibrating an electronic meter, classified in class 702, subclass 85.

Applicant hereby elects Group II, claims 1-7, for prosecution in the present application.

The Examiner asserts that Applicant failed to elect an invention in the response mailed August 27, 2003. Contrary to the Examiner's assertion, Applicant clearly elected Group II in the previous response.

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The Requirement for Restriction is respectfully traversed. The claim groups are closely related and can most efficiently be examined in a single application. It is believed that the searches for the two claim groups would be coextensive. Accordingly, withdrawal of the Requirement for Restriction is respectfully requested.

The application is now ready for examination on the merits. If there are questions regarding this response, please telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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